

REMARKS

Claims 1-14 were presented for examination and are pending. In the Office Action, the Examiner did not reject the pending claims but objected to the number of references submitted via the Fourth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) of June 3, 2009.

EXAMINER'S INTERVIEW

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for his time in the Examiner's Interview of November 23, 2009, to discuss the Office Action. In the Examiner's Interview, the Examiner indicated that claims 1-14 are allowable. The Examiner indicated that the Office Action had been issued because of the number of IDS references cited in the Fourth Supplemental IDS. As requested by the Examiner, Applicants hereby submit a Fifth Supplemental IDS and a Sixth Supplemental IDS in lieu of the Fourth Supplemental IDS. Applicants submit that these IDSes are filed in compliance with rules § 1.56, § 1.97 and § 1.98. Accordingly, Applicants request the Examiner to consider the listed IDS references.

CONCLUSION

In light of the aforementioned arguments, Applicants contend that each of the Examiner's rejections has been adequately addressed and all of the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration, withdrawal of all grounds of rejection, and allowance of all of the pending claims.

Should the Examiner feel that a telephone conference with Applicants' attorney would expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is urged to contact the Applicants' attorney at the telephone number identified below.

Respectfully submitted,

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